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Piled up in Leaves this Fall? - Click [here](#) to learn about ways to discard your leaves/grass clippings.

Centennial Lane Streetscape Project - Join our Department of Public Works on **Thursday, November 17th** at **Burleigh Manor Middle School**, 4200 Centennial Ln for a public meeting on this community project.

Rebuilding #ECStrong: Rebuilding & Economy - During this session on **December 1st 7-9:30pm** at the **Roger Carter Center**, residents and stakeholders will hear about the Carroll Creek project and how flood control has gone hand-in-hand with economic development and preservation. Learn how the City of Frederick created a compelling vision and the economic renaissance that followed. For more details, call **410-313-2350**.

Daffodils Distribution - For Columbia's 50th Birthday, **March 2017**, CA's Open Space will be planting 50,000 yellow daffodils and providing free bulbs (up to 250 per project) on a first come- first serve basis, while supplies last. For more details, call **410-381-0312**.



2016 Farmers Market Season - Ending Soon

Last call to support all our local farmers - Stop by and pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, meats & more! Find more details [online](#).

Miller Branch Library
(9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City)
Hours of Operation: **Wednesdays 2-6pm**
Open through **November 16, 2016**;

Oakland Mills Village Center
(5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia)
Hours of Operation: **Sundays 9am-1pm**
Open through **November 20, 2016**

East Columbia Branch Library
(6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia)
Hours of Operation: **Thursdays 2pm-6pm**
Open through **November 17, 2016**

Columbia Solar Cooperative Information Session

November 16, 2016 from 7-8pm

Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Columbia residents can now join this local cooperative to go solar as a group and get a discount! By going solar as a group, participants will save approximately 25% off the cost of a solar system. Based on the same principal as buying in bulk, the co-op will go through the process of purchasing solar systems together with the guidance of an energy advocate. The group will work with a preferred contractor to install systems on all qualifying homes, but each participant owns their own system and will sign their own contract with the chosen installer.

[Read more](#)

Help Save a Life - Get Trained in CPR/AED



When an adult goes into Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), his or her survival depends on immediately getting cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from someone nearby. Eighty-eight percent of all cardiac arrest incidents occur at home or at work, so the chances of you knowing the person are very high. Help save a life and get trained today! Our Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will be offering Hands-Only CPR training at no cost. Upcoming dates for 2016 are: **November 16th at Gateway**; **December 7th at PSTC**; and **December 14th at Gateway**. **Gateway = HCDFRS HQ**, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr, Ste 400 in Columbia; **PSTC = Public Safety Training Center**, 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr in Marriottsville. All sessions are held **6-8pm**. For more details, visit their [website](#).

Boards and Commissions - Nominations Accepted

Interested in volunteering and giving back to our community? You are cordially invited to apply for a position on our Boards and Commissions. For a list, click [here](#). Below is information on our current vacancies. To apply, applicants should send a resume and brief letter explaining why they would like to serve to [David Lee](#) or by mail to: **Howard County Government, Office of the County Executive, Attn: David Lee, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043**.

Cable Advisory Committee - Eligible candidates must be 18 years of age or older, have an interest in cable and be able to attend the Committee's meetings held quarterly on the **second Tuesday in March, June, September and December at 7pm** at the **George Howard Building** in Ellicott City. Deadline to apply is **Wednesday, November 16 at 5pm**.

Commission on Disability Issues - Eligible candidates must be Howard County residents, 18 years of age or older, have an interest in disability issues and be able to attend meetings which are held the **fourth Monday of every other month**, beginning in **February** at the **Gateway Building**, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Room 303. Deadline to apply is **Wednesday, November 16 at 5pm**.

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board - Eligible candidates must be Howard County residents, not actively engaged in real estate sales or appraisals and be able to attend the Board's meetings, held **three to four times** a month from **9am-3pm** at the **Howard County District Court**, 3451 Court House Dr in Ellicott City. Deadline to apply is **Tuesday, November 22 by 5pm**.

Giving Thanks Luncheon and Dance

November 17, 2016 from 10:30am-1:30pm
Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia

The Giving Thanks Luncheon and Dance features music by "A Classic Case" plus a Thanksgiving luncheon for older adults. Doors open at **10:30am** and lunch is served at **noon**. Tickets are \$14 and may be purchased at any Howard County 50+ center. For more information, call **410-313-5440** or email aging@howardcountymd.gov.

Community Toiletry Drive

Join the Youth & Teen Center's Teen Outreach Committee as they help our community collect its for its toiletry drive benefitting families in need. The drive runs through **November 18th** and is seeking the following items: tissues, feminine products, soap, wipes, diapers, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, fabric softener, dis detergent, and laundry detergent. For more detail, contact **Safire Windley** at **410-992-3726** or email Safire.Windley@ColumbiaAssociation.org.



Teen Opportunities Fair

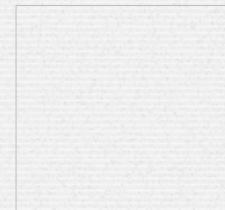


Howard County Recreation & Parks, in partnership with HCPSS, invites all middle and high school students, and their parents, to the Teen Opportunities Fair on **Saturday, November 19** from **11am-2pm** at **Long Reach High School**, 6101 Old Dobbin Rd in Columbia. Visit more than 50 exhibitors, explore things to do in Howard County, win great door prizes, try hands-on activities and connect with unique organizations. For more details, contact **Holly Harden** at harden@howardcountymd.gov or call **410-313-**

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Turkey Waddle

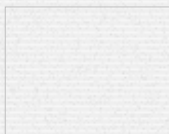
Join the County's Department of Recreation & Parks as participants gobble your way through **North Laurel Park**. The walk consists of different fitness and children's activities and is open to all ages. The Turkey Waddle will be held on **November 19, 2016 10:30am-12pm**. The cost is \$5 for center members and \$7 for non-members. Register [online](#). For more details, call **410-313-0459**.



Collision Avoidance Training

Our Howard County Police Department will be conducting Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) classes through **December**. This is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teen driver's ages 16-20. Driving skills addressed include: evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration and more.

Students must operate their own vehicle and successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver to receive a certificate of completion. Space is limited. Cost is \$95. Generous program support and scholarships are available. Sessions are: **November 19 and December 10**. For more information, visit our [website](#).



ABCs of Parent Empowerment

Calling all parents and guardians! You are cordially invited to a Fall 2016 parent workshop: Finding Solutions to School Concerns on **Saturday, November 19** from **9-11:15am** at **Oakland Mills Middle School**, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd in

Columbia. Come learn about these resources, including Canvas and related policies and procedures, as well as effective strategies to maintain communication between home and school. To register and for more information visit their [website](#).

Services available: Childcare, limited transportation and interpreting. Please call **410-313-1598** in advance to arrange. This event is sponsored by The Council of Elders and HCPSS.

Fight Against Hunger!

You are cordially invited to the [NAACP Youth Council's](#) Fight Against Hunger on **Sunday, November 20, 3-5pm** at the **Ridgley Run Community Center**, 8400 Mission Rd, Jessup, MD 20794. For those in need, a free afternoon dinner will be served and clothing, shoes, toiletries, etc. will be provided. Donations are also welcome. To learn more, contact Ms. Bessie Bordenave **443-280-1935**.



Roving Radish - HoCo Fresh, Meals to Go

Howard County's Roving Radish promotes healthy eating habits through meal kits comprised of locally and regionally grown foods straight from the farm to your table. Meal kits are available to anyone who works, plays or lives in Howard County and are offered at a discounted price to those in need. This program runs through **November 23, 2016**. To learn more or place an order, call **410-992-2049** or visit their [website](#). Sign up for [volunteer](#) opportunities to help the Roving Radish assemble kits.

The Symphony of Lights has Returned

You and your family are cordially invited to come out and drive through the Symphony of Lights. This year, drive through visitors will enjoy all new LED lights, new light displays in addition to your traditional favorites, a new laser light show and 3-D holiday video! The drive through at **Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods** will open **Wednesday, November 23-Sunday, January 1**, 5 days a week, **Wednesdays-Sundays, 5:30-10pm, including holidays**. CLOSED to drive-through traffic on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. CLOSED **December 31st** for the Midnight at 7 event. Tickets **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday** and **Sunday** are \$20 per car, and \$25 per car on **Saturdays**. Cash only will be accepted at the gate. ATMs are NOT available on-site. [Read More.](#)



Happy Thanksgiving-County Government Closings

Howard County Government offices, courts, animal shelter, community centers, athletic centers, activity rooms, historic sites, senior centers and the landfill will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday **Thursday, November 24**. There will be no trash, recycling, yard trim or food scrap pick-up and the County's holiday "[slide](#)" schedule will be in effect. The park and landfill will re-open **Friday, November 25**; however, Government offices, courts, senior centers, historic sites and animal shelter will remain closed. While community centers, athletic centers and activity rooms will be closed on Friday to the general public, they will be open for scheduled special or permit-approved events. Parking meters will be free **Thursday, November 24**, but all parking regulations and fees will be in effect **Friday, November 25**. The RTA buses will not run on Thanksgiving Day, but will resume a regular weekday schedule **Friday, November 25**. For more information on [RTA](#), please call **1-800-270-9553**.

As always, the 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call **410-313-2200**. County offices will re-open **Monday, November 28**.

2017 Sister Cities Exchange Program



Next summer, experience a different culture and travel abroad! The Sister Cities Summer High School Exchange Program offers a once-in-a-lifetime international opportunity for Howard County high school students studying Spanish or French where teens can experience what it's like to be a teen in one of Columbia's sister cities in Europe-Tres Cantos, Spain and Cergy-Pontoise, France. Participants spend approximately two weeks of cultural and linguistic immersion during the month of July in one of those cities.

To learn more about the program, parents and teens are invited to attend one of the upcoming information sessions: **Wednesday, November 30; Thursday, December 8; Tuesday, January 10; and Wednesday, January 25**. All sessions are held 7-8pm at **CA's Headquarters**, 6310 Hillside Court in Columbia. The program fee is \$700/Columbia residents and \$850/non-Columbia

residents, excluding airline tickets which can range \$1,200-\$1,500/participant. Applicants must have also completed level three of French or Spanish by the end of the current academic year (or have the equivalent language fluency). There are excellent scholarships available for Columbia residents who qualify. For an application or more information, contact **Laura Smit** at **410-715-3162** or email International@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

HCYP Winter Basketball

Don't miss your chance to join the Howard County Youth Program Inc. 2016-2017 Winter Basketball program. The program is available for all girls and boys grades 1-12 for Clinic, Recreational Leagues as well as Travel/Middle School Teams. Registration fee is \$150. Deadlines are below and there are no late fees. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



November 30: 3rd-8th Grade Recreation Leagues

November 30: Clinics for 1st & 2nd Grades

December 6: High School Boys and Girls

Midnight Madness

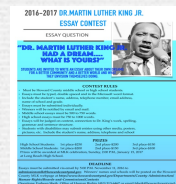
It's the most wonderful time of the year to experience Historic Ellicott City! Start a new family tradition **Friday, December 2, 2016** as you sip hot cider while strolling the town, listening to carolers and visiting our unique shops decorated for the holidays. Shop local this season and find that perfect gift at more than 50 shops, galleries and artist studios.



The Festival of Trains will run **11am-10pm** - Come out to the B&O Railroad Museum and enjoy toy and model train layouts including a custom-built, 360 degree multi-tiered O-Scale layout, a miniature Thomas the Tank Engine G-scale layout, and more! Santa's Workshop will be open **4-8pm** at the **Thomas Isaac log cabin** at Main St & Ellicott Mills Dr - Stop in for a free gift and selfie with Santa. There will also be a tree lighting at **6pm** at the **Howard County Tourism Center**, 8267 Main Street. While visiting, enjoy strolling entertainers, a decorated window display contest, and shop local, many of which will be open until midnight and later! For more details, click [here](#).

2016-2017 MLK Essay Contest

Attention Students! Don't miss your opportunity to submit your [MLK essay](#) addressing the theme of your dreams for a better community, a better world and what you envision yourself doing to bring your dream to life. Essays must be submitted via email to submissionsmlk@howardcountymd.gov by **5pm** on **December 2**.



Annual Holiday Train Garden

Come join us for the [Annual Holiday Train Garden](#), newly designed each and every year! Open **December 3, 2016** through **January 1, 2017**. Fire Station 2 is having a Toy Drive, and will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for Howard County children in need from **December 3-20**. Train Garden hours: **Wednesday-Friday 6:30-8:30pm**; **Saturday and Sunday 11am-8:30pm**. Holiday Hours: **12/24 Christmas Eve 11am-5pm**; **12/25 Christmas Day-Closed**; **12/31 New Years Eve-11am-8:30pm**. For more information, please call **410-313-2036**.



Santa Visit & Annual Bollman Bridge Lighting

Join us for the annual Bollman Bridge lighting and enjoy all of [Savage Mill's](#) festive décor, along with loads of entertainment! Santa arrives on Saturday, **December 3, 2016 at 5:30pm**, with the bridge lighting following from **6-7pm**. There will also be a Christmas Tree Lighting at **Carroll Baldwin Hall**.



Holiday Mart

Join the County's Department of Recreation and Parks for the 43rd annual Holiday Mart! Find season gifts and merchandise created by 130 juried artisans, enjoy door prizes and a children's craft corner. You're sure to find something for everyone on your holiday shopping list! This event will be held **Saturday, December 3, 2016 10am-5pm** at the **Gary J. Arthur Community Center**, 2400 Route 97 in Cooksville. For more information, call **410-313-4840**.



Christmas in the Park

You are cordially invited to Christmas in the Park and a special tree lighting ceremony, on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016 6-7:30pm** at **Centennial Park**, **10000 Route 108** in Ellicott City. Enjoy caroling, featuring the Howard High School Chamber Choir, hot chocolate and a special visit from Santa Claus as well as other season holiday characters. For more info, call **410-313-7275**.

The Nutcracker on Ice 25th Anniversary

A community performance of [The Nutcracker on Ice](#) presented by the Columbia Figure Skating Club in Columbia. Performances are scheduled for **Saturday, December 10, 2016** with show times at **5:15pm** and **7pm**; and **Sunday, December 11, 2016** at **4:30pm** and **6pm** at the **Columbia Ice Rink in the Oakland Mills Village Center**, 5876 Thunder Hill Road in Columbia. The production is the only ice skating show its kind in the Baltimore-Washington area, and is a special event for people of all ages. Tickets are **\$15/each**, ages 3 & under FREE.



Village Happenings

[Oakland Mills](#)



Community Meeting on Feasibility Study for Village Center - Come out for an important conversation on the current study underway that is evaluating our Oakland Mills Village Center & Surrounding Area. Preliminary Findings and an update will be provided by the consulting firm Bolan Smart on **Tuesday, November 15 7-9pm** at **Oakland Mills Middle School Cafeteria** in Columbia. For more details, click [here](#).

Breakfast with Santa

You are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast, participate in holiday crafts and conversation and photo with Santa at the **Other Barn**, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl, Columbia, MD 21045, on **Saturday, December 10** at either **9am** or **9:45am**. [Tickets](#) must be purchased in advance, and on sale for OM residents and their guest, and will go on sale **November 28** for the general public.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Come out for a fun evening of decorating gingerbread houses with your neighbors **Wednesday, December 7** from **6:30-8:30pm** at the **Other Barn**, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl, Columbia, MD 21045. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance ticket purchase required, and there will be limited space. [Tickets](#) are on sale.

[Long Reach](#)

Holiday Greens Workshop: Ladies Night Out

Calling all Ladies, you are invited to come out to **Stonehouse**, 8775 Cloudleap Ct #7, Columbia, MD 21045, **Friday, December 2** from **7-9pm** for an evening of creativity, wine and snacks. The [registration](#) deadline is **November 20**, and space is limited.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Bring the family out to make some memories & enjoy time with the kids crafting you very own edible creation! **Stonehouse**, **8775 Cloudlead Ct #7, Columbia, MD 21045** is hosting gingerbread house decorating **Saturday, December 3** from **9-11am**. Children must be accompanied by an adult. [Registration](#) is open.



HYBA Winter Basketball Camp

Calling all youth basketball players ages 5-14, register today for [HYBA's Winter Basketball Camp](#). Players will have the opportunity to learn fundamental skills, the game of basketball and how to succeed from High School and College level officials at **Centennial High School**, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042 from **Monday, December 26-**

Friday, December 30. The registration deadline is **Sunday, December 25**.

Community Service Partnership Grants

CSP grants support the delivery of essential human services in Howard County. Funding priority is given to services that meet basic needs and provide opportunities to become self-sufficient. CSP funds may be used for agency operating expenses, program costs, direct client assistance or one-time expenses that directly serve the community. To be eligible, an agency must have already attended the mandatory pre-application information session held in early November, be a 501(c)(3) non-profit and serve the residents of Howard County. [Applications](#) are due **Monday, January 2, 2017**.

For more information, contact **Megan Godfrey Jackson** at **410-313-5996** or email mgodfrey@howardcountymd.gov

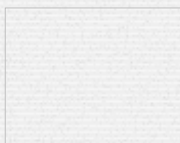
9th Annual WomenFest - Vendors Sought

The County's Department of Community Resources and Services invites businesses that offer products or services which promote women's health, wellness, fashion and beauty to register for exhibit space at this year's WomenFest. This is an interactive day which focuses on health, wellness, fashion, and beauty; and features 90+ vendors and exhibitors, free health screenings, and interactive seminars. This signature event for women will be held on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** from **10am-3pm**, at the **Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, 2400 Route 97** in Cooksville. Admission and Parking are free.

[Read more](#)



HopeWorks



[In Her Shoes](#) - Join HopeWorks for an innovative educational community experience on **December 10** from **1-3:30pm** at **Hopeworks of Howard County**, 5457 Twin Knolls Rd, Columbia, MD 21045. You will have the

opportunity to move, do, think and experience the lives of women who are being abused. Following the simulation you will explore the dynamics of domestic violence and hear about the mission and services of HopeWorks. The [Registration](#) deadline is **December 4**.

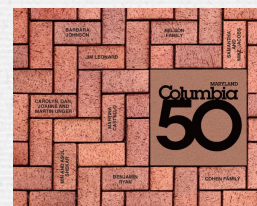
Help restock the HopeWorks pantry! Items needed include: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, ethnic hair products, baby wipes, rice, cereal, breakfast bars, soups, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene pads, crackers, granola bars and juice boxes. To donate, call (410) 997-0304 or email [Joyce](#), Volunteer Program Coordinator. For information and updates, go [online](#).

CA Buy-A-Brick Program - Celebrates Columbia's 50th Birthday

CA is once again hosting this special program in honor of Columbia's 50th Birthday Celebration that takes place in 2017. A section of the walkway at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront will be reserved for bricks placed around a large paver that says Columbia Maryland 50 (image to the right).

The cost for bricks in this section are \$100/brick. The costs for bricks in other areas of the walkway are \$75/brick. Limit three lines of text. There is a 15-character limit per line of text. Spaces between words count as a character. The deadline to purchase bricks for placement in summer of 2017 is **February 24, 2017**. No purchases will be accepted after that date. Also, if you purchase multiple bricks, CA cannot guarantee they will be placed next to one another.

[Read more](#)



Deer Management Program

The Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its fall/winter schedule for the deer bow and shotgun managed hunts of **2016-2017**. These hunts are held to maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population. The program gives specially screened and selected hunters daytime access to a park. The hunting schedule is as follows but can also be accessed [online](#). For more details call **410-313-1675**.

Alpha Ridge Park (Bow & Shotgun)	January 10 and 24 (both days will occur in the morning in conjunction with a managed hunt in the adjacent park from 5:30-11am ; March 15
Belmont Park	January 11; February 1
Blandair Park (Bow, North of Rt175 only)	November 22
Centennial Park	December 14
David Force Park (Bow & Shotgun)	January 31
Dorsey Hall Open Space	December 14 & 28; February 22; March 15
Fulton South	November 16
Gorman Area (Middle Patuxent River and Kings Contrivance; Bow & Shotgun)	November 15; January 5 & 26; February 9 & 16
Gray Rock Open Space	December 14 & 28; February 22; March 8
Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (Bow & Shotgun)	November 17, January 5 & 26; February 9 & 16
River's Edge Open Space	December 7; January 18
Robinson Nature Center	December 28; January 11
Savage Park	December 7; January 18
Timbers at Troy Golf Course	December 21; January 18
West Friendship Park (Bow & Shotgun)	January 12; February 2 & 14
Wincopin Trail Area of Savage Park (Bow)	November 29
Worthington Open Space	November 16
Zim Property	November 16

Ms. Biz Mornings

Ms. Biz Mornings is a FREE networking group for women in business with a mission to provide a variety of professional opportunities that are affordable for all women entrepreneurs. Programs include a broad range of topics from public speaking circles, mastermind groups, work-life balance programs, and networking events, to community outreach and more. Its sole purpose is providing a no cost option for women entrepreneurs to interact, connect, and support women owned businesses. Events are typically held at a different local business each month. For a list of upcoming events, click [here](#).



Scam ALERT - Charitable Foundations

The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection is warning residents to use caution and common sense when dealing with solicitors who claim to represent firefighter associations or others seeking donations to aid people who have been affected by fire or natural disaster. It is important to take the time to check where your generosity is going regardless of the cause.

HCC Happenings

Kids on Campus

Year-Round Classes:

HCC offers year-round classes for kids on weekends or on weekday evenings. HCC also offers weekday courses for homeschool students to learn more about specific topics in our state-of-the-art labs and facilities. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAT, ACT & Other Test Preparation

HCC offers the opportunity for High school students to prepare at HCC for SAT, ACT, and other standardized testing. Click [here](#) for details.

Grasscycle!

Cutting the grass is a part of everyone's summer chores, but here are some tips on how to save time, energy and the environment!

Try GrassCycling - leaving the grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to recycle naturally. Grasscycling is a gentle way to release nitrogen gradually on your lawn. It also saves you from bagging and dragging your grass clippings to the curb for pickup.

[Share With Friends & Neighbors!](#)

STAY CONNECTED

